Editorial

GEORGE ROMNEY

George Romney, president of Asmerican Motors, is considered by many to be a possible dark horse in the presidential election of 1964. Mr. Romney is a dynamic business man, who pioneered with the compact car.

It is expected that Mr. Romney will run for Governor of Michigan this year. While the Democrats have won the past seven straight gubernatorial elections in Michigan their margins are diminishing Many people think that Mr. Romney would have an excellent chance of winning.

This would put him in a particularly good position for the presidency in view of the fact that Michigan is an industrial state and a man from that state would have an excellent chance in a national election.

George Romney does not have orthodox economic views. But he is enthusiastic and his thoughts deserve consideration. He is very outspoken on the subject of the evils of power concentrated in big unions, big industries, and big government and feels that we need to modernize our labor laws that prohibit either employers or unions from building up tremendous power blocs.

At the present time, it is difficult to say what Mr. Romney's chances are of becoming the Republican presidential nominee. While there are many uncertainties ahead, it does appear that Mr. Romney may become another Wendell Wilkie.

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PARTY LINE USERS

A Frend here in Appomattox asked us to "say something about those people who "hogged party" telephone lines. We did so, either in "Piker Darlies!" or some other part of the paper.

Now, the same party comes back to tell me a sad story. Away out in Los Angeles, two gossips got on the telephone, and gossip and gossip. An emergency develops and a subscriber braks in to beg use of the telephone to call an ambulance. The gossips refuse to yield the phone. And so, a person dies.

The judge gave the gossips ten days each in jail and $300 fines. They got off lightly.

EARLY GARDEN ACITIVITES SHOULD BE PLANNED

Now is the time to plan early vegetable garden activities, says F. H. Scott of the horticulture department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The soil should be worked into excellent condition as far ahead of planting time as possible.

Says Scott, "The weather won't give us much chance to do anything very far ahead, but at least the freezing and thawing is making the job of working the soil a little easier, when we do get to it."

He advises planning the early garden so that vegetables that mature at about the same time will be placed together. This makes planning and planting the later warm-season garden much easier.

Some early garden vegetables that mature in about six to eight weeks are kale, Seven Top turnip salad, leaf lettuce, mustard, turnips, and spinach. Don't plant Virginia Savoy spinach in the spring as it may bolt to seed. Use the Long Standing Bloomsdale spinach for spring planting and save the Virginia Savoy for fall.

Early spring vegetables that mature in nine to 11 weeks include beets, carrots, green peas, collards, and broccoli. Head lettuce matures in about 12 weeks and cabbage plants, on the average, are ready to harvest at about the same time. Some varieties of cabbage, however, may mature a week or two earlier and others a week or more later.

Scott says Chinese cabbage is an attractive vegetable, but should not be planted in the spring. It usually does much better in the fall and should be planted 90 days before the first expected fall frost.

Potatoes take longer to mature than any other of the early spring vegetables, usually 14 to 16 weeks. Immature potatoes may be dug in less time, of course.

Remember, says Scott, don't bury tiny seed - plant them! Don't put them too deep in the soil. It is sometimes difficult not to cover small seed too much. This is one reason for having a fine seedbed. Then there will not be trouble with little lumps of soil when barely covering small seed such as turnip and mustard.

Worry has never solved a problem and never will; so if you are worrying, try doing something about your problem.

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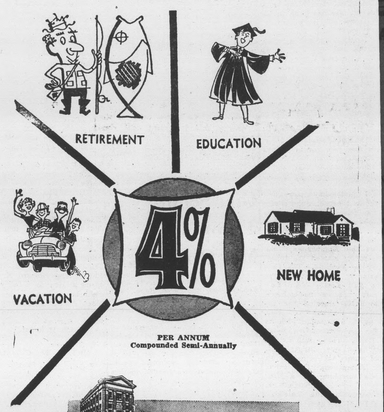

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H. S. Students Vie for Scholarship

This year, fashion - conscious home economics students at Appomattox High School are planning to participate in the student Division competition of the 1962 Fashion Sewing Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Vogue Pattern Service.

The Junior Womans Club, working in cooperation with the school's home economics department, will act as local sponsor for the student competition.

Each girl entering the contest will make what she considers the ideal "Dress-Up Costume for the High School Student" - bringing to bear all her sewing skill and fashion knowledge in the hope of creating a winning entry.

The main purpose of this community-centered contest, according to Mrs. Gloria Blythe, contest chairman, is to encourage young students to develop a deeper appreciation of homemaking skills.

A. H. Science Students Visit Vepco Plant

Some 14 science students, representing Appomattox high school visited the Bremo power station, February 15th, as guests of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, according to C. A. Smith District Manager of the Southside District.

They were among the 1500 high school students in Virginia and North Carolina visiting Vepco power stations from February 8-16, observing the 115th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison. Edison's birthday has been designated as Science Youth Day throughout the nation. The students, representing public, private and parochial schools in the two-state area, will see modern generating stations in operation.

This will be the sixth consecutive year that Vepco has participated in the program. Open to the students will be six of Vepco's principal generating stations; Bremo Bluff, Chesterfield, Portsmouth, Possum Point, Roanoke Rapids and Yorktown.

Engineers and company officials conducted the tours and explained production procedures. Some of the features included giant coal conveyor belts, furnaces, boilers, central control rooms, chemical laboratories and closed circuit television sets. The TV sets reveal the water level in the boiler drums and the flame pattern in the furnaces to station operators.

Students were luncheon guests at the plants and a panel discussion was held after the tour to answer questions about the operation.

Vepco President, A. H. MacDowell Jr., said "the tours were designed to make high school students aware of the growing need for engineers in industry today, and to tell the story of the free enterprise system which has made this country what it is today."

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Social Security

Self-employed business people have been covered by social security since 1951 but few except those who have retired or become eligible to retire have bothered to find out if their credits are in order. Some people failed to file social security reports because they thought that coverage was optional.

Credits to your social security account as a self-employed person depends on the social security section of the income tax report. For the butcher and the baker it is the Schedule "C". For the farmer, it is the Schedule "F." Except for the farmer, the report is required if net earnings are $400 or more net from the business. For the farmer, he can file the report and pay the social security tax if the gross income is $600 or more even though the net income is less than $400. He, too, must file the Schedule "F" and pay the tax if the net income is more than $400.

Social security credits for the self-employed are by the year. If he gets any credits he gets four "quarters of coverage." Because of the changes in 1960 and 1961, he does not need as many credits as in the past. He now needs one quarter of coverage for each year from January 1, 1951, up to the year he is 65. (For women, the time is up to the year they are 62). The minimum number required is six.

Anyone can get a record of his social security credits by requesting a postal card from any social security office and sending it to the central office in Baltimore. He will receive a record of the earnings credited to his account.

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